

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claims 4-6 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (New) An optical drive apparatus for a plurality of flash cards comprising:

- a) a housing having an internal chamber and having a plurality of apertures including a plurality of flash card apertures;
- 5 b) an optical drive located in the internal chamber reading from and writing to optical media; and
- c) a compact flash drive having:
 - i) a plurality of electronic components;
 - 10 ii) a circuit board controlling the plurality of electronic components; and
 - iii) a plurality of card driving devices located on the circuit board, each of the plurality of card driving devices aligning with one of the plurality of flash card apertures and selectively driving one of the plurality of flash cards,
- 15 wherein the circuit board being located between at least two of the plurality of card driving devices.

Claim 5. (New) The optical drive apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the plurality of flash cards are selected from a group of flash cards consisting of Memory Stick, Compact Flash, Secure Digital, Multi Media, Smart Media, Extreme Digital, PCMCIA, and any combination thereof.

Claim 6. (New) The optical drive apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the optical drive includes a compact disk holder aligning with one of the plurality of apertures and being movable between open and closed positions therein.